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Serial No. : 09/720,235  
Filed : December 20, 2000  
For : OPTICAL FERRULE AND METHOD OF MOLDING  
THE SAME, AND OPTICAL CONNECTOR USING THE  
SAME  
Art Unit : 2839  
Examiner : Javaid H. Nasri

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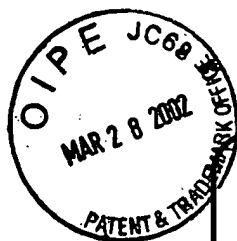
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